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## NOTICE!

All parties, who know themselves indebted to me for the year 1905, will please come in and settle up without being asked for their bills, as I must collect from all who owe me, so that I may meet my obligations that are due at that time. I have your account made out, but will insist that you please come in and pay without being called upon. I need what I have out and must collect same. So do not put it off, but come right in and pay up.

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## Roll of Honor.

Our grateful acknowledgments are made to the following friends who have either become new subscribers or who have renewed their subscription to the Great Favorite Weekly since our last issue. May heaven bless 'em:

### NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

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Mrs. H. Teut, Jas. M. Long,  
C. G. Brown, John D. Taylor,  
Sam'l Obetz, Robt. Christopher, col.

The residence of County Clerk H. H. Miller caught fire in the east up-stairs room Tuesday forenoon from sparks emitted through a badly rusted thimble. The alarm was given and the fire was soon extinguished, after knocking off the plastering and cutting away the weather-boarding so that water could be applied to the blaze. The damage was slight, and is fully covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther B. Oens, Jr., appreciated their Christmas present far more than any one else in Keytesville. Their present was their first born, a fine boy. Mother and babe are doing nicely, and it is thought that Luther will recover with proper care.

## The Lower Dredge Boat.

Peter Vitt of near Salisbury, who has taken such an active and untiring part in the project to straighten the Chariton river, and thus reclaim 35,000 acres of swamp lands and make them as fertile and productive as the famous valleys of the Nile, came over to the capital Tuesday and drove out to the lower dredge boat with R. H. McWilliams of Mattoon, Ill., who has the contract for excavating the new channel of the Chariton river from Whitesides lake to the Missouri river.

Mr. McWilliams has had a great deal of experience in this line of work—in fact, is an enthusiast on the subject, and is entirely willing to show his faith by his cash. He will gladly buy the lands of all parties in Chariton river drainage district that wish to sell at prices that the sellers and purchaser can agree upon.

Mr. McWilliams expects to begin work on his part of the ditch, known as "the lower section," in about two weeks, and will work both a day and night shift until the job is completed, which, he says, will be about the 1st of next December.

His dredge boat is now launched in Whitesides lake, and the lake is being filled with water from the Chariton river by means of a large pump.

The boat is a colossal, bulky affair, 30 feet wide, 12 feet deep and 76 feet long. It will be anchored by heavy beams on each side of the ditch. The deck is about six feet above the water and the dredge draws about six feet of water. Fifty feet of its length is covered with a roof under which the throbbing engines will steadily and untiringly lift, swing and pull the complicated machinery in its work of excavation. Very little of the machinery is visible except the engines, the crane or boom, the dipper, friction drums and chains. The boat has two sets of engines, one a digger and hoister, 70 horse-power, the other a swinger, 30-horse power, and an electric light-producing five-horse power dynamo. There is a fireman for each shift, while the engineers, Chas. Hill for the day and Jas. Hobkirk for the night, will manipulate the machinery which is so highly geared as to give 205-horse power to the dipper. Almost human-like the 55-foot crane moves from side to side, carrying the bucket, which, attached to a 36-foot handle, digs, lifts and dumps 1 1/2 cubic yards of dirt at each swing of the crane. The depth of the ditch to be excavated is 12 feet, 45 feet wide at the top and 15 feet in width at the bottom. The distance covered by the boat in its work of excavation from sunrise to sunrise is about 100 feet, 13 men being employed, eight during the day and five at night. John McWilliams, a brother of R. H. McWilliams, the contractor, is manager.

Three frame houses, a sleeping apartment, dining-room and kitchen, each 12x18 feet and built on a float, are in tow of the boat and furnishes living quarters for the employees.

It will require an expenditure of \$13,000 to take out the first dipperful of dirt, and the estimated cost of Mr. McWilliams' part of the ditch, for which he has the contract at 10cts. a cubic yard, is \$46,000.

A dredge boat in operation is a grand and imposing sight. It moves as though possessed of thought and sensibility in its

precision and regularity, and is a great attraction for all visitors. It illustrates what the genius of man has accomplished in the way of modern ditching machinery and is a source both of wonderment and admiration, and its work will, we believe, prove far more profitable to the land-owners than to the contractor for the ditch. Their benefits will continue indefinitely, while the contractor's profits are only for a season.

## More New Suits.

Three more new suits for the February, 1906, term of circuit court at Salisbury have been filed with Circuit Clerk Z. T. Lamkin during the past week as follows:

### CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Missouri vs. Phil Stewart, assault—appeal.

### CIVIL CASES.

Gertie Spencer vs. Almon L. Spencer, attachment. Fred Lamb of Salisbury is Mrs. Spencer's attorney.

Jesse D. Simons vs. Mary E. Simons, divorce. For his cause of action plaintiff states that he and the defendant were lawfully married in Chariton county October 19, 1889, and continued to live together as husband and wife until December 18, 1905. Plaintiff avers his proper treatment of defendant during that time, but says that she, wholly disregarding her duties as his wife, during the greater part of the year last past rendered his condition intolerable by persistent and continuous quarreling, and calling him "dirty dog" and other vile, objectionable names and epithets, sometimes in the presence of others, but more frequently when alone, and without just cause or provocation on the part of plaintiff also by declaring to plaintiff that she would no longer live with him as his wife, and in pursuance of said declaration did leave plaintiff's home the 18th day of December, 1905, then and there declaring that she left him and would not live with him again; that in this bad conduct she was encouraged by her mother and brother who had made themselves "uninvited" guests at plaintiff's home against the objections of plaintiff made known to all of said parties. Plaintiff, therefore, prays to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted as aforesaid with defendant, and for such other orders, decrees and judgments touching the premises as may be meet and proper. Capt. Louis Benecke of Brunswick brought the suit for Mr. Simons.

A specific performance suit of George Hutchinson vs. Jas. M. Mullen et al has been filed for the May, 1906, term of circuit court at Keytesville by Benjamin L. White of Marceline, who is of counsel for Mr. Hutchinson.

## Probate Pointers.

Est. B. F. Montgomery: J. J. Dowell allowed an account of \$61.25 against said estate.

Est. heirs H. H. Folkens; inventory by O. P. Ray, guardian and curator, examined and approved.

Est. heirs Margaret Biegel; Fifth annual settlement of J. B. Dameron, guardian and curator, examined and approved.

Est. Lena Spencer: O. M. Spencer, guardian and curator, presents his 8th annual settlement which is examined and approved.

Annual settlements of estates approved as follows: Heirs Monig Murphy, A. Murphy, guardian and curator, 1st: Price & Benecke, L. Benecke, administrator, 7th.

Est. Hattie and Bettie Cunningham: J. B. Dameron, guardian and curator, shows that he has complied with the order of this court on final settlement, and presents receipt of the mother of said wards for balance shown to be due, and it is ordered that said guardian and curator be and is discharged.

Est. F. Henry Wiltman: Annie C. Wiltman, executrix, presents proof of publication of notice of final settlement which is examined and approved. Said settlement showing a balance of \$1,386.99, it is ordered that said sum be distributed according to the terms of the last will of said F. Henry Wiltman.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Bruno Maximilian Albrecht is admitted to probate on the testimony of J. M. Blunk and Louis Benecke as subscribing witnesses. The will first provides for the payment of decedent's just debts and funeral expenses. By the terms of clause second all of his children, Gustave R. J., Gretchen and Agatha and any other of his children that may be born hereafter are bequeathed the sum of \$1, each. The remainder of testator's property, both real and personal, is bequeathed and devised to his beloved wife, Maria Albrecht, nee Blunk, as well as all the real and personal estate and inheritance to which he may be entitled from his parents as devisee, legatee or otherwise, still unsettled and located in Germany, Europe. No executor or executrix was named in the will and the court, on its motion, appointed Mrs. Albrecht as administratrix with the will annexed. The will was made September 26, 1904. L. A. Sasse and B. H. Smith were appointed by the court to make inventory of the estate.

## Nearing the Dawn of 1906

I want to express my grateful thanks to those who have patronized me so liberally during the past few weeks. I extend a cordial invitation to all to call at the old stand, where I am still doing business at prices lower than ever. A trial will convince you. "Good Goods at Low Prices."

**E. W. HERRING,**

The Corner Drug Store, Keytesville, Mo

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the late Sam'l Dinsmore is admitted to probate on the testimony of O. P. Ray and J. J. Dinsmore as subscribing witnesses. The testator first provides for the payment of all his just debts, including doctors' bills, if any, during his last illness; also for the payment of his funeral expenses, as soon after his decease as practicable. Having made suitable provision for his children by bequeathing them his real estate, and in view of this he gives them, to-wit: J. J. Dinsmore, Rebecca Hurt, wife of A. D. Hurt; Annie Leonard, wife of Harry Leonard; Mary Eliza Dinsmore, Hattie Wood, wife of Burley Wood, and Henrietta Colley the sum of \$1. The sum of \$1 and the real estate all having been bequeathed to his children the remainder of the personal property, be the same money, notes, bonds, horses, cattle, mules, hogs, sheep, farming implements and household and kitchen furniture of whatever description, kind, nature or location, is bequeathed to his beloved wife, Virginia Dinsmore, and at her death is to go to their children, Henrietta Colley and Mary Eliza Dinsmore, but in the event that said two daughters do not treat their mother as she should be treated by them, then it is directed that his said wife shall take all of said personal property absolutely without any limitation or restriction, and she may do with said property as she may deem best and proper. The widow is named as sole executrix of the will without bond and she is so appointed by the court. The will was made September 27, 1905.

A good joke is told on Jolly John Legender of near Salisbury by one of his neighbors. John and his stepson and a negro went out in the timber a few days ago where John got in the way of a falling limb and received a slight scalp wound, but had the limb struck him squarely on the head he would, in probability, have been killed. Seeing that his employer did not know enough to keep out of the way of danger the negro said to him: "Won't you never learn anything?" It is not knowing enough that, perhaps, makes John a Republican instead of a Democrat. Consequently his friends should judge him according to his lights.

Give hubby enough rope and he'll make a clothes line for you

## To Our Correspondents:

Beginning with the first issue of the COURIER in January the editor hopes that all the correspondents of this paper will let us hear from them each week, as the only correspondents that are desirable are those who are regular in sending in their items. Any who are now on our list that cannot serve us regularly will confer a favor by so informing us. We greatly appreciate our correspondents and the only complaint we have to make is that some of them miss so many weeks that our readers are disposed to grumble about the irregularity of communications from their locality. We trust that all our esteemed "deputy editors" will be prompt and regular during 1906.

We would also greatly appreciate a report of anything of special interest from any point in the county by any of our subscribers. In short, the COURIER wants all the news of all the county all the time, and our friends can be of great advantage and very helpful to us in gathering the news—if they will.

With best wishes for the New Year, and a grateful heart for many past kindnesses, I am,

Yours Respectfully,  
C. P. VANDIVER,  
Pub. COURIER.

Phil Stewart, whom we spoke of last week as Wm. Stewart, mistaking "Phil" for "Will" over the telephone, was found guilty of common assault on Constable Geo. Burton at his trial before Justice F. M. Lewis of Sumner Thursday of last week, and was fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to the county jail for 30 days. The defendant appealed to the February term of circuit court at Salisbury. This is the case in which Stewart hurled a brick into violent contact with Constable Burton's cranium. Stewart's case for playing Carrie Nation, with a hatchet, on Beverly Johnson, a Livingston county stockman, just prior to his trouble with Burton, was continued till this morning, as was also the case against Johnson, who accepted a bribe of \$8 to leave after Stewart had assaulted him. Stewart will likely be prosecuted, too, for giving Johnson a bribe. Verily the way of the transgressor is rocky and full of thorns.

The second quarterly meeting of the M. E. church, South, for Dalton circuit will be held at Centenary chapel January 5-7, 1906.

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